



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LR 3 CA**

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**Chairperson:** L. Patrick Engel  
**Committee:** Executive Board  
**Date of Hearing:** February 13, 2003

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LR 3CA would amend the Nebraska Constitution for the purpose of creating a Compensation Review Commission. Members of the Commission would be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. No more than five members of any one political party may serve at any one time, and no employee of the state, any political subdivision or registered lobbyist could serve as a member.

The Commission would prepare and present to the Legislature prior to November 1, 2005 a code of ethics that would be considered by the Legislature for inclusion in the permanent rules at the beginning of the 2006 legislative session. If adopted, the Legislature could modify the code of ethics after January 1, 2008.

If the legislature chooses to adopt a code of ethics as part of its permanent rules, the Commission shall review compensation for members of the Legislature and shall submit a report the Governor and the Legislature recommending any adjustment the Commission deems appropriate. The Legislature may, by legislative bill, approve, disapprove, or reduce the recommended adjustment. Adjustments shall not become effective until three calendar months following the end of the legislative session in which the adjustments were approved.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Chris Beutler**